

Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, May 30, 2007

Persons in attendance: Jennifer Gutierrez, Bernadette Espisito, Betty Reeg, Teresa Maxwell, Liz Hruska, Kathy Bradley, Kathy McKillip, Anne Hobbs, Jolanda Jung-Kuzma, Dave Hubert (Mediation Center) and Romey Olson (Mediation Center).

Jolanda called the meeting to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. and started with the Director's Report.

The agency audit was discussed, specifically our response to the Draft Attestation Report. The auditor requested the minutes of the April 27, 2007 meeting and Jolanda inquired why that was necessary outside. They disagreed with our response with regard to the point we accrued on neglecting to pay out Ms. Good's vacation. The auditor proposed some language that would be more acceptable.

We currently have a temporary staff named "Icy Key." The duties she has been working on include:

- 1) a complete inventory of all items within the office,
- 2) the Women of Distinction Project
- 3) formatting the Latino Handbook

The Women's Foundation met and interacted with Women's Commission staff. It appeared that some of the persons were agitated, perhaps because a contract they expected fell through.

Jolanda also gave an update on the Women's Commission and the accounting office.

Jennifer gave an update on The Women and Money Conference, which will be held on August 18, 2007. The conference will be held in Lincoln.

The Meeting was turned over to Dave Hubert & Romey Olson with the Mediation Center. He started by asking for guidelines for the meeting and some were set.

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1. Discussion was had about the future of the agency as a government agency.

After some discussion, Kathy Bradley moved to affirm the NCSW's intention to move forward for the next fiscal year as a government agency. Anne Hobbs seconded this. A vote was taken and all were in favor – none opposed.

The group took at break about 11:30 a.m. and some time was spent brainstorming the mission. Notes will be collected by the mediation center and will be forwarded to further honing/word smithing at the July meeting.

Then discussion then turned to “Priority Issues”. . . . and the following issues were identified, and the group worked to prioritize.

Items were identified under each priority.

- Closing the Office
- Website – Can we maintain one (somewhere?)
- Media
- Women of Distinction (discussion
- Legal Rights handbook
- Displaced Dreams
- By-laws update and statute revision
- Production tracking
- Commissioner Survey
- Committee Assignments
- Nebraska Heroine Award
- Indifference of Some current commissioners
- Wealth Spring fund
- Annual Report
- Dr. Rustad
- Money
- Women Work affiliation